



# GUINEA



## INTRODUCTION

Guinea is at a turning point after decades of authoritarian rule since gaining its independence from France in 1958. International investors have shown interest in Guinea's unexplored mineral reserves, which have the potential to propel Guinea's future growth.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Col. Mamady DOUMBOUYA (transitional president)

### Head of Government

Prime Minister (vacant)

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Conakry

### Legislature

unicameral People's National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale Populaire (114 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 245,857 sq km

Land: 245,717 sq km

Water: 140 sq km

### Climate

generally hot and humid; monsoonal-type rainy season (June to November) with southwesterly winds; dry season (December to May) with northeasterly harmattan winds

### Natural Resources

bauxite, iron ore, diamonds, gold, uranium, hydropower, fish, salt

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

growing but primarily agrarian West African economy; major mining sector; improving fiscal and debt balances prior to COVID-19; economy increasingly vulnerable to climate change; slow infrastructure improvements; gender wealth and human capital gaps

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$35.08 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$2,700 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - bauxite, gold, diamonds, iron ore, light manufacturing, agricultural processing

**Agricultural products** - rice, cassava, groundnuts, maize, oil palm fruit, fonio, plantains, sugarcane, sweet potatoes, vegetables

**Exports** \$5.041 billion (2019 est.)

aluminum, gold, bauxite, diamonds, fish, cashews (2019)

**partners:** UAE 39%, China 36%, India 6% (2019)

**Imports** \$7.924 billion (2019 est.)

rice, refined petroleum, packaged medicines, delivery trucks, cars (2019)

**partners:** China 39%, India 8%, Netherlands 6%, Belgium 5%, UAE 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

12.9 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

2.76% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Fulani (Peuhl) 33.4%,

Malinke 29.4%, Susu 21.2%, Guerze 7.8%, Kissi 6.2%, Toma 1.6%, other/foreign 0.4% (2018 est.)

### Language

French (official), Pular, Maninka, Susu, other native languages

### Religion

Muslim 89.1%, Christian 6.8%, animist 1.6%, other 0.1%, none 2.4% (2014 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 37.3% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 3.64% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

